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ABSTRACT

[Summary]

[Problem]

With conventional techniques, the volume of information in the form of digital signals to be transmitted is correlated with the quality of reproduced digital signals.

[Means for Solution]

Audio data are taken into a data decoding section 11. The audio data include retaining information indicating the period of time during which an audio data block to be used repeatedly is retained. The data decoding section 11 extracts said retaining information and supplies it to a recording device control section 12. The data decoding section 11 then records the audio data block to be used repeatedly on a recording device or medium 13. The data decoding section 11 then supplies the data blocks not to be retained to an audio decoding section 14. Upon receiving the retaining information, the recording device control section 12 deletes the unnecessary data from the recording device or medium 13 according to the retaining information.

[Selected Drawing]

FIG. 1